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Attached hereto is a copy of the recently received European Search Report in corresponding European application EP 030 281 91-2421. The references cited therein are listed on a PTO-1449 form which accompanies this IDS and copies of the references are likewise supplied. Since the search report is not in the English language, an English version is supplied:

U.S. 6,206,260 has been cited in category X: of special significance taken alone as follows:

* col. 5, line 3 - line 67; FIG. 1, 6* col. 6, line 58 to line 66 * as applied to examined claims 1 to 7, 9 to 13.

U.S. Patent 5,509,633 is cited in category X with reference to examined claims 1 to 18, 13 as follows:

* col. 1, line 46 to col. 2, line 29; FIGS. 1 to 3.

DE 196 33 913 is cited in category X with reference to examined claims 1 to 8, 13 as follows:

* col. 3, line 6 to line 42 * * col. 3, lines 65 to line 68*
* col. 4, line 15 to line 44; FIGS. 1, 2.*

DE 198 02 897 is cited in category X with reference to examined claims 1 to 5, 9, 11 as follows:

* col. 3, line 7 to col. 4, line 49; FIGS. 1 to 3

U.S. Patent 5,129,615 is cited in category X with reference to examined claims 1 to 3, 10 and in category Y: of special significance in combination with another reference of the same category for col. 1, lines 11 through 2, with reference to examined claims 11, 14 to 17.

U.S. Patent 4,770,712 is cited in category A: Technological Background with reference to examined claim 1 and as to col. 3, lines 64 to col. 4, line 35 and FIG. 2 in category Y with reference to examined claims 11 and 14 to 17.

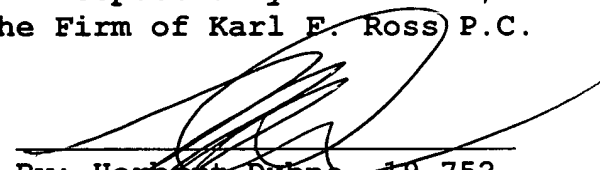
EP 0 492 312 is cited in category A: Technological
Background with reference to examined claims 1 to 12.

DE 198 02 897 is said to have an English language
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Consideration of the references is requested.

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